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SUBJECT   :   Information Science Training for Intelligence
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REFERENCE   :   USIB-D-39.7/25, 4 April 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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REFERENCES   :   a. PFIAB memorandum to the President,
                           Subject: U.S. Intelligence Community
                           Capabilities for Handling of Intelligence
                           Information, dated 15 June 1965 (approved
                           by the President and forwarded by Mr.
                           McGeorge Bundy to the Director for
                           action on 15 July 1965)
                       b. USIB-D-39.7/20, 16 February 1967

1.   The enclosed report on this subject from the Chairman,
Committee on Documentation (CODIB) and its annexes are circulated
herewith for information and noting by the Board. This report sum-
marizes the information science training which has been provided to
personnel in the intelligence community since March 1967 as recom-
mended in reference b. as well as the projected training plans for
the various intelligence agencies through FY 69.

2.   It is not planned to schedule the attached memorandum on the
agenda of a USIB meeting unless so requested by a Board member prior
to close of business 15 April. In the absence of such a request it will
be considered for record purposes that the USIB "noted" the subject
report on that date.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board

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REFERENCES: (a) PFIAB Memorandum to the President, Subject: U.S.
                      Intelligence Community Capabilities for Handling
                      of Intelligence Information, dated 15 June 1965

                  (b) USIB-D-39.7/20, 16 February 1967

I. Background. The CODIB report attached to reference (b) recommended
certain actions designed to train more intelligence personnel in informa-
tion science in response to PFIAB Recommendation No. 1 in reference (a).
This is a brief report on such training that has been received by person-
nel in the intelligence agencies[1]/during the past year.[2]/

25X1   II. Overall Summary. Some ☐ persons[3]/in the intelligence community,
primarily at the headquarters or departmental level, took training courses
in some aspect of information science during the past year. The courses
varied in length from about three days to more than a full academic year,
and the total training amounted to approximately ☐ [4]/   **25X1**

1/ FBI and AEC are not included.

2/ March 1967 to March 1968 except for CIA which reported courses
   completed during CY67.

3/ Extrapolation from a sampling of the trainees at one agency indicates
25X1   that there were about ☐ different individuals.

4/ Does not include some courses still underway at end of the reporting
   period nor courses taken at the trainees' own expense. It does include
   courses taken on trainees' own time if tuition was paid by the government.

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The average course length was 43 hours which is approximately equivalent to a three-semester-hour college course. [   ] took [____] courses at universities or technical schools, [   ] were [____] trained in courses provided within the agencies in which they were employed, [   ] in courses provided by manufacturers, [____] contractors, or professional societies, and [   ] in courses [____] provided by other government agencies such as the Civil Service Commission.

During the past year [____] persons from the intelligence community [____] completed a full academic year of information science training at universities or equivalent institutions, and [____] are now enrolled full- [____] time in university information science training programs.

The following table summarizes the information science training under four rather broad training categories. Further details are pro- vided in Annex 1.

Type of Training	Number of Persons	%
General Orientation		
Methods and Techniques		
Computer Programming		
Systems Analysis, Design and Implementation		

While comparative figures are not available on training provided during previous years, there appears to have been a substantial increase in the amount of training received during the past year. For example, one-third of all information science training courses received by CIA personnel during the past eight years was received in 1967. Reports from most of the agencies indicate that information science training will con- tinue to increase during FY69.

In response to a recommendation in reference (b), the Defense Intel- ligence Agency established an Information Science Center in the Defense Intelligence School, effective 26 December 1967, with the first regular courses originally scheduled for inauguration in January 1969. However, great difficulty has been experienced in getting authorization for the appropriate grades and the number of personnel spaces required to start operation of the center. So far, only five spaces have been authorized out of nineteen required, and only two of these had been filled by 15 March 1968. Unless something unusual can be done, such as detailing personnel from other agencies, it may be necessary to postpone the start of courses at the Information Science Center. Planning for the physical plant and equipment is proceeding satisfactorily.

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Reference (b) recommended that the agencies stress recruitment of personnel who already have information science training. During the past year approximately [   ] persons were hired who had obtained university graduate training or its equivalent in information science or had had sufficient on-the-job experience elsewhere to be considered fully qualified.

III. <u>Information Science Training Provided Intelligence Personnel of USIB Agencies</u>.   **25X1**

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Remarks:

   The attached report from the Chairman,
CODIB on "Information Science Training for
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